

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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Eddie Thomas,

Plaintiff,

v.

Aaron Harroun, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00345-APG-MDC

ORDER

This action began with a pro se civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1.) Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter. The Court entered a screening order on December 18, 2024. (ECF No. 6.) The screening order imposed a 90-day stay, and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 6, 8.) The parties did not reach a settlement in mediation. (ECF No. 9.)

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (**ECF No. 1**) is **GRANTED**.
Plaintiff will not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In the event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).
2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security therefor. This order granting leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* will not extend to the issuance and/or service of subpoenas at government expense.

- 1 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2), the Nevada Department of Corrections
2 must pay to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of Nevada,
3 20% of the preceding month's deposits to Plaintiff's account (Eddie Thomas,
4 #96556), in the months that the account exceeds \$10.00, until the full \$350.00
5 filing fee has been paid for this action. The Clerk of the Court is directed to
6 **SEND** a copy of this order to the Finance Division of the Clerk's Office and to
7 **SEND** a copy of this order to the attention of the Chief of Inmate Services for
8 the Nevada Department of Corrections, P.O. Box 7011, Carson City, NV 89702.
- 9 4. The Clerk of the Court electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and a copy of
10 Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint (ECF No. 5) on the Office of the Attorney
11 General of the State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of
12 Nevada to the docket sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.
- 13 5. Service must be perfected within 90 days from the date of this order pursuant
14 to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).
- 15 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 6), within 21 days of
16 the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office must file a notice
17 advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the Defendants for whom it
18 accepts service; (b) the names of the Defendants for whom it does not accept
19 service, and (c) the names of the Defendants for whom it is filing the last-
20 known-address information under seal. As to any of the named Defendants for
21 whom the Attorney General's Office cannot accept service, the Office must file,
22 under seal, but must not serve the inmate Plaintiff, the last known address(es)
23 of those Defendant(s) for whom it has such information. If the last known
24 address of the Defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney General's Office
25 must attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).
- 26 7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named Defendant(s), Plaintiff must
27 file a motion identifying the unserved Defendant(s), requesting issuance of a
28 summons, and specifying a full name and address for the Defendant(s). For

1 the Defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General has not provided last-
2 known-address information, Plaintiff must provide the full name and address
3 for the Defendant(s).

4 8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named Defendant(s),
5 such Defendant(s) must file and serve an answer or other response to the
6 complaint (ECF No. 5) within **60 days** from the date of this order.

7 9. Plaintiff must serve upon Defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been entered
8 by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other
9 document submitted for consideration by the Court. If Plaintiff electronically files
10 a document with the Court's electronic-filing system, no certificate of service is
11 required. Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1)(B); Nev. Loc. R. IC 4-1(b); Nev. Loc. R. 5-1.
12 However, if Plaintiff mails the document to the Court, Plaintiff must include with
13 the original document submitted for filing and a certificate stating the date that
14 a true and correct copy of the document was mailed to the Defendants or
15 counsel for the Defendants. If counsel has entered a notice of appearance,
16 Plaintiff must direct service to the individual attorney named in the notice of
17 appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated therein. The Court
18 may disregard any document received by a district judge or magistrate judge
19 which has not been filed with the Clerk, and any document received by a district
20 judge, magistrate judge, or the Clerk which fails to include a certificate showing
21 proper service when required.

22 10. This case is no longer stayed.

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24 DATED: February 24, 2025.

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MAXIMILIANO D. COUVILLIER, III
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE